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SOURCE Monitored Soviet Broadcasts

Among all the strategic propaganda lines currently utilized by the Soviet radio to further USSR interests and to disparage the U.S., the issues to which by far the greatest portion of Soviet attention is devoted are those of national independence versus reactionary, monopolist imperialism; of war versus peace; and of social injustice (non-democracy) versus social justice (democracy). In Soviet propaganda, these and other issues accorded attention are all interrelated and reciprocal. The following material, however, presents in tabular, abstracted, schematic form the current lines into which (in one form or another, in one context or another), all Soviet propaganda is woven and to which Soviet radio interpretations of events, situations, or problems are adapted. Conversely, the lines themselves are adapted to the particular contexts considered and to the mind-sets of the respective audiences to which Soviet broadcasts are beamed.

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MOTIVES APPEALED TO

Desire for national independence (as against imperialism); desire for national economic welfare (as against exploitation by foreign "monopolists").

Note: This often implies playing up "nationalism"--national pride, national traditions, etc.--in every country except the U.S. itself.

To Disparage the U.S.

THE U.S. IS IMPERIALIST & EXPANSIONIST

The Marshall Plan, together with U.S. aid already given, is economically and politically enslaving western Europe and is violating national sovereignty, via loan conditions consciously attached for these purposes and via the very nature of imperialist exploitation. The same is true of American monopolist exploitation throughout the rest of the world as well.

Pro-American or pro-ERP elements in any country are "servile"; they have been "bought" to betray their own country's independence.

U.S. criticism of the "new democracies" (e.g., the new regime in Czechoslovakia) is hypocritical "interference in internal affairs."

The U.S. is implicated in every effort to maintain colonial peoples in a state of subjection, to thwart and delay their strivings for national independence.

The U.S. attempts to convert the U.N. into an imperialist tool for its own expansionist and aggressive policy.

To Further Soviet Interests

THE USSR OPPOSES IMPERIALISM EVERYWHERE AND LEADS THE FIGHT AGAINST IT

Soviet aid to the "new democracies"--in the form of favorable trade pacts, loans, wheat and other shipments, reparations cuts, etc.--is accorded by virtue of Soviet concern for promoting democracy, for developing international cooperation; and this aid, as well as other Soviet economic relations with the "new democracies" and with countries in western Europe, is organized on a business-like basis of national equality with no threat to the national sovereignty of the countries concerned and with no exploitation involved.

Anti-American, pro-Soviet elements are champions of democracy, defenders of the people, jealous guardians of threatened national sovereignty, and unwavering in their devotion to principle.

Soviet defense of the "new democracies" stems from respect for their national sovereignty and for their progress toward "true democracy."

The USSR is the champion and friend of all colonial peoples' movements for independence from foreign exploiters.

The USSR adheres to and defends the basic principles of the U.N. Charter.

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Desire for peace.

THE U.S. IS FOSTERING MILITARISTIC,
UNCOOPERATIVE

Despite peaceful professions, the U.S. refuses to negotiate for peaceful settlement of U.S.-USSR differences--which settlement would be crucial to world peace; "Wall Street" has too much vested proprietary interest in pursuing the cold war and perpetuating international tension.

The U.S. is trying to undermine the U.N. as an effective instrument for peace.

The U.S. condones, employs in high position, and fosters warmongers.

The U.S. is transforming western Germany into an arsenal for aggression, and is attempting the same with Japan.

The "Western Bloc," American-authored and sponsored, is an aggressive military alliance aimed at the USSR, the "new democracies," and all other European democratic efforts. (Scandinavian countries in particular are warned against joining the Western Bloc.)

Military men, working for "Wall Street" masters, are in control in Washington.

The U.S. is rearming.

Marshall broke up the London Conference in December.

The U.S. consistently violates the terms of international agreements such as those concluded at Potsdam.

The U.S. is acquiring and developing military bases, many on foreign territory, throughout the world.

THE USSR IS THE BULWARK AND CHAMPION OF PEACE AND
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The USSR, re-confirming its consistent peace policy, not only accepted Smith's "proposals" for negotiations, but, via the Wallace-Stalin exchange, submitted a practicable, realistic agenda for such negotiations.

The USSR stands for the "basic principles of the U.N." (e.g., the unanimity principle).

The USSR exposes all warmongers and warmongering.

The USSR advocates measures for preventing future German and Japanese aggression.

USSR-eastern-Europe mutual aid pacts, motivated by desire to maintain peace, have no aggressive implications and are of a defensive character--against any possible future German aggression.

(No counterpart)

The USSR has reduced its military budget and has demobilized more men.

The USSR wanted to continue the conference and to achieve agreements on a German peace treaty.

The USSR adheres unwaveringly to the terms of such agreements and stands for international cooperation of the sort agreed on at Potsdam.

The USSR has no designs on any foreign territory.

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Desire for social justice
and democracy.

Note: The usage of the word
"democracy" in Soviet propa-
ganda makes it almost synony-
mous with social justice.
The stress is strongly on
government for the people
rather than by the people;
and "the people" means the
"toiling masses."

THE U.S. IS REACTIONARY, UNDEMOCRATIC,
AND RIFE WITH SOCIAL INJUSTICES.

The "people" everywhere (even in the U.S.)
oppose U.S. imperialism.

Pro-American "reactionary" elements everywhere
oppose "democracy" in all its forms: trade
union rights, racial equality, inflation-control,
land reform, nationalization of industry, women's
rights, prevention of excessive profits, civil
liberties (especially for "democratic" elements),
etc.

Conditions within the U.S. itself give the lie to
American claims of democracy; civil liberties are
being emasculated, racial inequality is rife, trade
unions are being weakened, profiteering exists at
the expense of the people, inflation soars,
poverty is rampant, etc.

The U.S. is identified with "reactionaries" and
enemies of the people everywhere--with the Nazis,
western European monopoly capitalists, Franco
Spain, Greek monarcho-fascism, Arab venality,
the Kuomintang, the Zaibatsu, Syngman Rhee, etc.

The U.S. is identified with all the ills in
former enemy areas occupied by the U.S.--
western Germany, South Korea, Japan.

"Right-wing Socialists" everywhere (Bevin, Blum,
Saragat, Schumacher, et al) give only lip-
service to democracy; actually they are in the
service of American monopoly imperialism.

THE USSR IS DEMOCRATIC, PROGRESSIVE, CONCERNED FOR
THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Progressive people everywhere recognize the moral,
democratic leadership of the USSR.

Pro-Soviet elements everywhere are staunch fighters
for democracy; where in control, e.g. in the "new
democracies," they have instituted democratic reforms
in the interests of the workers, the people; where not
in control, e.g. France and Italy, they fight in the
workers' and peoples' interests against American-spon-
sored and American-influenced capitalist and reactionary
forces.

In the USSR and the "new democracies," the Governments
and Communist Parties do everything to promote economic
and social justice for the people. Inflation is con-
trolled, profiteering is non-existent, racial equality
prevails, etc.

The USSR is identified always with progress and democracy
with all those fighting against reaction, imperialism,
war, etc.; with such progressive world organizations
as the KPTU, WFTU, and IDWF; with the economically and
socially downtrodden masses everywhere.

The USSR is credited with the advances made in the
Soviet zone of Germany and in North Korea--where con-
ditions are far superior to those in U.S.-occupied areas

The Communists, while admiring and respecting the USSR,
are in the service of no foreign power; they fight for
the national and popular interests of the country to
which they belong.

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Respect for truth

THE U.S. AND ITS ALLIES ARE LYING.

The Marshall Plan conceals a plot to enslave Europe. USSR-eastern-Europe pacts contain no secret clauses. USSR and east-European claims of democracy are demonstrable and based on facts.

The Voice of America lies and slanders consistently.

American claims of "self-defense" cover plans for aggression.

Desire for national unity
(particularly with reference to Germany)

THE U.S. IS DISMEMBERING GERMANY.

(This theme is not prominent in discussions of India, Palestine, Austria, or Korea. It is also not consistently applied in the case of Germany; re-uniting with Austria or with the lands taken over by Poland is condemned as "chauvinism," "pan-Germanism," etc. But in its own chosen context, applicable to the current zones of Germany, Soviet propaganda for German unity is given enormous emphasis.)

Respect for strength and achievement; desire for economic welfare.

THE U.S. AND AREAS DOMINATED BY IT ARE DECADENT AND ECONOMICALLY UNSTABLE

The Marshall Plan is a desperate device to stave off economic crisis in the U.S.

Areas dominated by the U.S. are in a sad economic plight.

Inflation is rampant throughout the U.S. and in areas subordinate to it.

Trade with the economically unstable west is dangerous.

Despite reactionary, imperialist U.S. efforts, it has been impossible to crush democratic groups and movements throughout the world.

Most American culture is bourgeois, decadent, and perverted.

OUR SOCIALIST SYSTEM IS STABLE, EFFECTIVE, AND ECONOMICALLY SUPERIOR

The USSR, by its own internal efforts, has made tremendous economic advances since the war.

The "new democracies" emulating and aided by the USSR, have achieved equivalent economic advances.

The Soviet currency reform and price reductions show how the USSR controlled inflation.

Trade with eastern Europe is safe and profitable.

Progressive groups and movements (meaning Communists, their affiliates, and groups controlled by them) have maintained their strength--or have grown in both numbers and influence

Soviet culture, stemming from and designed for the people, is infinitely superior to that of the west.

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Subjects, themes, or areas that are relatively slighted in Soviet broadcasts include the following:

1. Revolutionary slogans. The older Communist words and slogans—e.g., communism, revolution, dictatorship of the proletariat, etc.—are still found in Soviet Home Service broadcasts, but have largely disappeared from broadcasts to other countries. To these, Soviet propaganda is framed almost exclusively in terms of the context of "democracy" and its values.
2. Attacks on religion—except for the very recent re-introduction of a few anti-religious references in Soviet Home Service broadcasts, some opposition to the Vatican's "interference" in Italian elections, and occasional invidious references to religious education, e.g. in Belgium.
3. Material evidences of U.S. military strength (e.g., the atom bomb, the substance of recent rearmament steps.)
4. Military strategy.
5. Soviet military strength.
6. Atomic-energy control.
7. French concern with regard to a re-united Germany.
8. The Austrian treaty.
9. Trieste.
10. No references to previous discussions with Turkey over the Straits, or to Kars and Ardahan.
11. Ireland, Switzerland, Portugal, French North Africa, India, Latin America.
12. All evidences of real differences between the Right and the non-Soviet Left or Center (e.g., between Churchill and Bevin, between De Gaulle and Blum, between the American Republican and Democratic parties.) All non-Soviet groups are treated as an undifferentiated mass of iniquity; they differ only in that the out-and-out reactionaries are more outspoken, less hypocritical than the "Right-wing Socialists."

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